

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Prospect School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Darlington Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Darlington

VICINITY OF

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☒ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Rader P. Martin

Telephone #: 734-7404

STREET & NUMBER

Green Spring Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code
21034**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 608

Folio #: 385

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure is located on a slope overlooking Maryland Route #161's descent towards the Deer Creek Valley. It is a single-story, hexagonal building of coursed fieldstone and quoined corners. The doorway is on the side directed due southwards, and single 6 X 6 sashes are located on each of the other five sides. The door is five-panelled, with a three-light transom overhead. The roof is a circular hip type, with asphalt shingles, and it is trimmed with a short frieze and eaves. A small shed-shelter covers doorway. Centered on the peak of the roof is a tile vent pipe.

Inside, there is almost no detail remaining, save for the old plaster on the walls and the evidence of where the slate boards once were. A single original cabinet does remain, located to the right of the doorway as one looks outside from the room.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
EHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was a public school, constructed in the early 1850's by local residents. Joshua Stephens, the stonemason, supposedly built the unusually-shaped structure on a dare. A log building used as a school existed on the site before the existing one, and the former may have been the site of an 1837 meeting which discussed the proposed construction of nearby Harmony Church. The site was purchased in 1850 by the Harford County School Commission, and the school was erected under the process where the County provided one-third of the funds and the local residents the rest. Prospect school taught grades one through eight, the single room having a stove in the center, two rows of seats on each side of the stove, and the teacher's desk located at the wall opposite the door. The 1878 Martenet Map indicates the presence of the school, which operated until 1930.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Directory- 1953
Harford County Land Records
Interview with Mrs. Rader Martin, 10/76
Martenet's Map of 1878
The Story of Harford County- Plate 17, First National Bank of Aberdeen
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, 11 Loch
Bray, Baltimore.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 87 perches

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located on the west side of Maryland State Route #161, just north of the intersection with Green Spring Road. It is part of the Rader Martin property.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Fenrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

October 21, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

267-1212

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

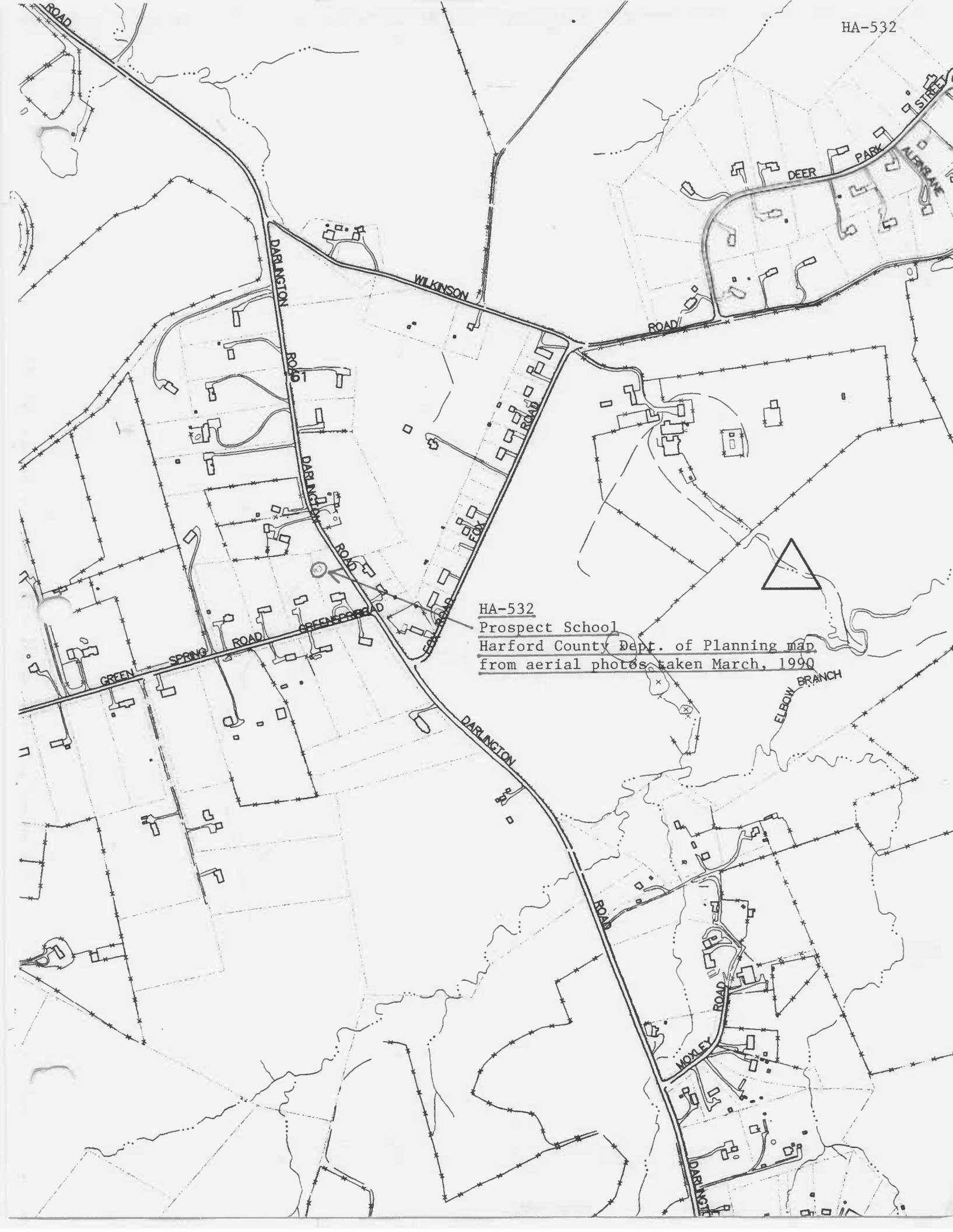
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Maryland

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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 Prospect School
 Harford County Dept. of Planning map
 from aerial photos taken March, 1990

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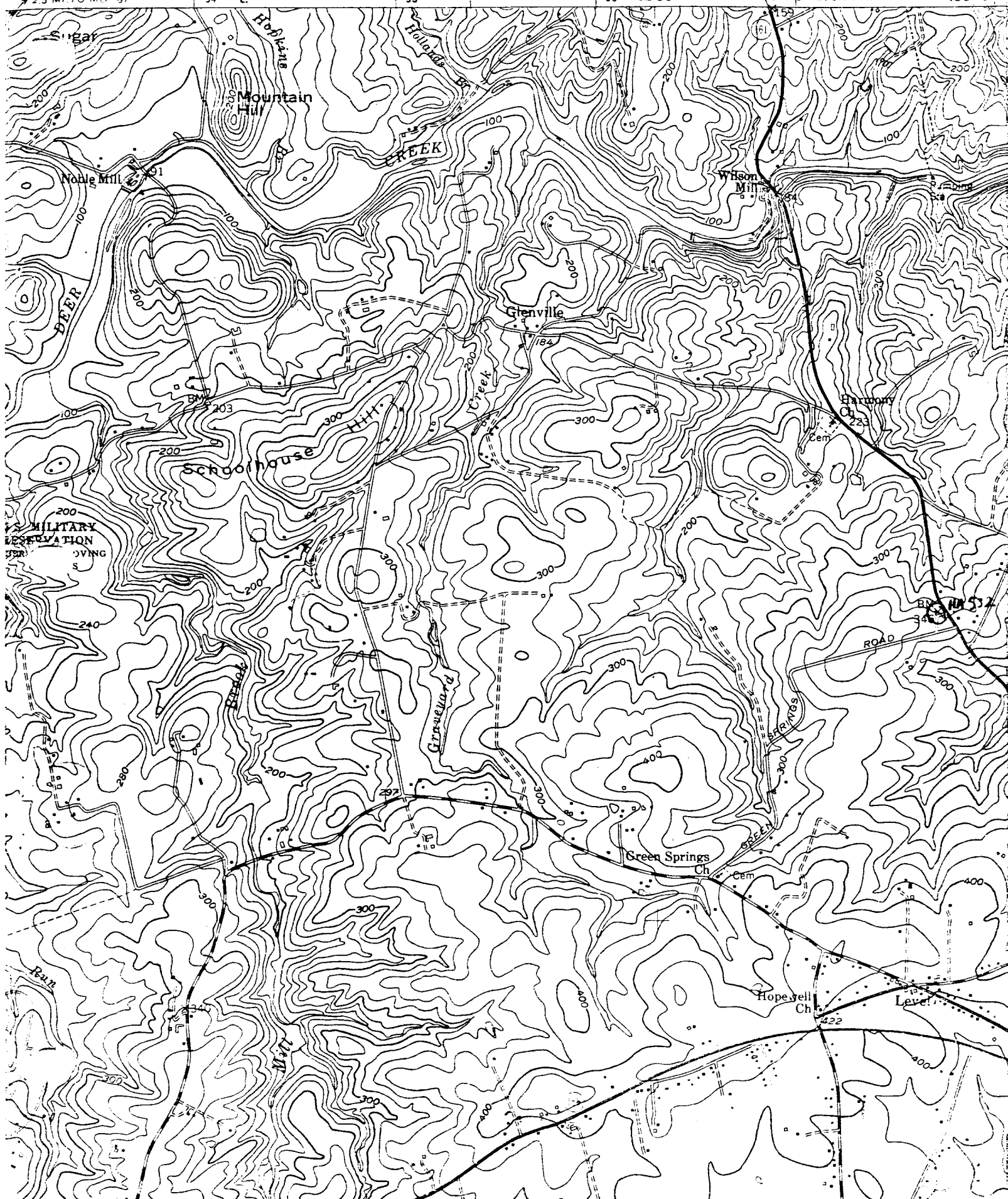
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Prospect School
Darlington, MD
Susan M. Deeney
October, 1976
South

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Prospect School
Interior
Darlington, MD
Susan M. Deeney
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